

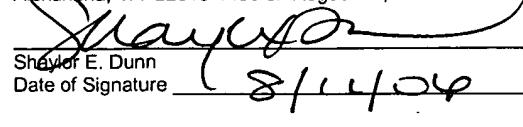
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Our File No. 421/66/3

Sir:

Please find enclosed the following:

1. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
2. Form PTO-1449 in duplicate;
3. Copy of one (1) cited reference; and
4. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to our offices with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office date stamp thereon.

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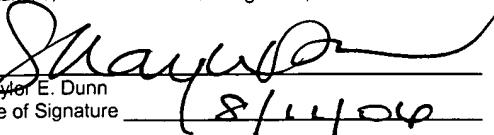
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Applicants recently received the enclosed reference in commonly-assigned, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/487,860 dated July 19, 2006. Applicants do

not believe the enclosed reference to preclude the patentability of any of the pending claims. However, in full compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby provide a copy of the reference and request that it be placed in the application file pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i).

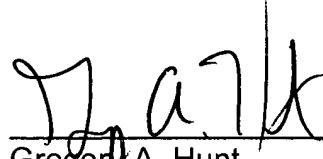
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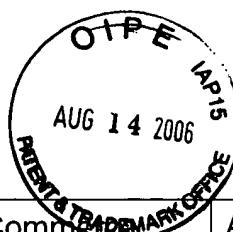
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